
By: **Delegate Grosfeld**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Marriage Ceremonies - Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a ~~sitting or retired judge or justice of any court in the~~
4 ~~United States~~ to perform a marriage ceremony; defining a certain term; and
5 generally relating to marriage ceremonies.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Family Law
8 Section 2-406(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Family Law**

14 2-406.

15 (a) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "JUDGE" MEANS A SITTING OR RETIRED JUDGE
16 OF THE DISTRICT COURT, A CIRCUIT COURT, THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, THE
17 COURT OF APPEALS, THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF
18 MARYLAND, OR THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT,
19 OR A SITTING OR RETIRED JUDGE OF ANOTHER STATE OR FEDERAL COURT THAT HAS
20 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT JURISDICTION.

21 (2) A marriage ceremony may be performed in this State by:

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1 (1) (I) any official of a religious order or body authorized by the rules
2 and customs of that order or body to perform a marriage ceremony;

3 (2) (II) any clerk; [or]

4 (3) (III) any deputy clerk designated by the county administrative judge
5 of the circuit court for the county; OR

6 (4) (IV) ~~ANY SITTING OR RETIRED JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF ANY COURT IN~~
7 ~~THE UNITED STATES~~ A JUDGE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2001.